



**September 27, 2006**

**Providence woman is sentenced to 80 months in  
federal prison for bank robberies**

A federal judge today sentenced **Jennifer Bennett**, 26, of Providence, to 80 months in federal prison for two bank robberies in Providence last year.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge Mary M. Lisi imposed today in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In March, Bennett pled guilty to federal bank robbery charges. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey said that the government could prove that, on August 15, 2005, Bennett handed a note demanding money to teller at a Sovereign Bank branch on North Main Street, Providence. In the note, she claimed to have a gun. The teller gave her \$1,280. On August 18, Bennett entered a Sovereign Bank branch on Smith Street and handed a teller a note claiming she had a gun and demanding money. The teller gave her \$1,300 and she fled the bank. Providence Police detectives investigating the robberies recognized Bennett from bank surveillance photos and arrested her on August 19.

In addition to Providence Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the robberies.

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